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July 11th, 1919

Dr. J. H. Coyne,

St. Thomas.

My dear Dr. Coyne:

Many thanks for your letter which I will keep for the use of the Committee. The more inquiries I make the more difficulty do I find in forming an opinion of my own as to men who might be honored at the Military Convocation. I think we must confine our attention to those who were on active military service overseas. I have made inquiries also about the Nursing Sisters. There again I have not yet been able to get any definite information. However, before the summer is over we may see things a little more clearly.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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REGISTRY OFFICE

JAMES H. COYNE
REGISTRAR

St. Thomas, Ont., Jan 9. 1920

Dear Sir Robert

The heavy snowstorm prevailing will prevent my seeing you this evening at the Senate meeting.

I would like to remind you that the Class of 1870 will hold its quinquennial reunion in June 1920, and that we who are left of the original goodly company would be pleased if you could join us as heretofore. After 50 years we cannot expect a large attendance. The known survivors are: Goodwin Gibson, Rev. Dr. R. Douglas Fraser and H.A. Reesor, all of Toronto, Alex. Carlyle of Edinburgh, and myself. We are uncertain whether John McColl (Rev.), Rev. W.D. Ballantyne and G.C. Spencer, are in the land of the living. Probably Spencer is not. If he is, he is in the U.S., somewhere on the Pacific slope. Ballantyne would be in California, & McColl in the state of New York.

I have written Carlyle, urging him to come over. You are no doubt aware that the illustrious Thomas Carlyle left his property to his nephew and niece, Mr. & Mrs. Alex. Carlyle. The last five years have reduced our ranks very largely.

We will no doubt dine together at Hart House ——— possibly however in the old West Wing, if available. Details will be settled later. Yours Sincerely

James H. Coyne

Sir Robert A. Falconer K.C.M.G. D.C.L.

January 10th, 1920

J. B. Coyne, Esq.,
St. Thomas, Ont.

Dear Mr. Coyne:

There was not very much of importance for the Senate last night and in view of the weather it was perhaps as well that you did not come. However, we shall look forward to having you at some of the Senate meetings later in the session.

I have much pleasure in accepting your invitation to join the class of 1870 at its quinquennial reunion which you propose to hold in June 1920. I hope that your gathering which will in many ways be the most unique of all will be one of several which will make the coming Convocation memorable.

With best wishes for the New Year to yourself, Mrs. Coyne and your family,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

President.

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St. Thomas, May 28. 1920

My Dear President

Dr. Fraser writes me that the Class of 1870 will dine together at ~~Hart House~~ at 7 P.M. Friday 4th June., in the Great Hall, occupying a separate table.

Six members of the Class survive. Carlyle, living in Edinburgh at the age of 77, cannot come. ~~His~~ health is precarious & he is putting through the press another volume of Thomas Carlyle's letters. He has written two or three letters referring to the reunion — the last a pathetic letter of "farewell".

We hope the other five survivors will, as intimated by them, be present: Rev. Dr. Fraser, Hon. Rich. Harcourt, Rev. Dr. John McColl (Georgetown) & myself.

As guests, we ~~had~~ had besides yourself, Dr. van der Smissen,

sole survivor of the staff of 1870, Gen. Sir John M. Gibson, & Rev. Dr. Mitchell (Class of 1859 — the oldest surviving graduate of the University).

I am hoping the Class may be together at Convocation. Can it be arranged that we sit together on the platform? Of course, Dr. Mitchell should be with us, if possible, at Convocation, and our guests as far as that may be practicable.

We are of course looking forward to having you join us at dinner, as guest of the Class.

Yours Sincerely
James M. Coyne

Sir R. A. Falconer K.C.M.G.
LL.D. &c.
President, University of Toronto
Toronto

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May 31st, 1920

Dr. J. H. Coyne,
St. Thomas, Ont.

Dear Dr. Coyne:

Many thanks for your letter. I am looking forward with pleasure to joining the class of 1870 on Friday evening, and I hope this as well as the other proceedings of the week will be very pleasant.

I have decided after consultation with the Committee on Arrangements for Convocation to present all the candidates myself for honorary degrees on Thursday night, following the practice that we instituted on the occasion of the Military Convocation last November. The reason for this is that there are so many recipients of honorary degrees that the proceedings might otherwise be unduly lengthened. I am getting material with regard to Dr. Severance from your review of his book in "The Monthly".

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.